

THE HALL OF FAME FOR GREAT AMERICANS

CLARA BARTON --- NOMINEE

Barton, Clara, in full Clarissa Harlowe.

1821-1912. Founder of American Red Cross;

b. Oxford, Mass. Schoolteacher (1836-54);

Clerk in patent office, Washington, D.C.

(1854-61). During Civil War, Solicited

and distributed supplies for the wounded.

In Europe (1869-73), gave aid during Franco-

Prussian War, in association with Interna-

tional Red Cross, an organization created

by International agreement at Geneva (1864).

Campaigned (1877-82) to have U.S. sign

Geneva agreement succeeded (1882), and became

first president (1882-1904) of American Red

Cross. Last years of her presidency embittered

by criticism of her management. Her works

include HISTORY OF THE RED CROSS (1882),

A STORY OF THE RED CROSS (1904), STORY OF MY

CHILDHOOD (1907).